



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Temperatures well below normal.

Sugarbeets suffer freeze damage in some areas.

Crop planting and development slowed by conditions.

Temperatures through Friday averaged below normal for most of the state. Daytime highs were mostly in the 60's while nighttime temperatures dropped mostly into the teens and mid-twenties.

Late April snow and rains improved moisture supplies. As of May 1, 63 percent of the State had adequate or surplus topsoil moisture, jumping 9 points from last week, 25 points ahead of last year, and 13 points ahead of the 2000-2004 average. Subsoil moisture was rated adequate or surplus in 39 percent of the state, up 6 points from last year and 4 points from the 2000-2004 average.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL		
	This	Last	Last	5-yr	This	Last	5-Yr
	Week	Week	Year	Avg	Week	Year	Avg
Percent							
Very Short	10	16	19	19	26	37	21
Short	27	30	43	39	35	30	44
Adeq	56	52	37	49	38	32	34
Surp	7	2	1	1	1	1	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Pltd	76	73	83	81
Barley Emgd	28	24	50	45
Oats Pltd	54	46	63	47
Oats Emgd	21	12	33	18
Spring Wheat Pltd	43	42	70	51
Spring Wheat Emgd	10	8	28	16
Winter Wheat Jntd	2	2	19	9
Sugarbeets Pltd	83	75	75	77
Sugarbeets Emgd	7	1	24	14
Corn Pltd	2	0	22	20

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 2.8 days were suitable for field work during the week. Barley was 76 percent planted, slipping a little behind average pace. Barley emergence was at 28 percent, 17 points behind average. Oats crop seeding passed the halfway mark at 54 percent planted, 7 points ahead of average. The oats crop was 21 percent emerged, 3 points ahead of average. Spring wheat planting slipped behind average at 43 percent. Spring wheat emerged on 10 percent of the acres, 6 points behind average pace. Winter wheat was 2 percent jointed, the same as last week, but 7 points behind average. Sugarbeet planting was 83 percent complete, 6 points ahead of average. Corn was 2 percent planted, 18 points behind average.

Winter wheat condition again improved slightly, with 45 percent of the acreage now in good or excellent condition Last year at this time, only 19 percent of the crop was in good condition. The 5-year average is 49 percent good. Sugarbeets suffered freeze damage in some areas and may need to be replanted.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V	POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent					
Winter Wht	2	8		45	39	6

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	89	84	88	90
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	92	88	91	90
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	94	91	93	91
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	32	29	27	35
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	73	61	74	71

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions were rated good or excellent in 19 percent of the State, up 2 points from last week, but down 8 points from last year, and down 12 points from the 5-year average. The percent rated very poor improved from 45 percent two weeks ago to 22 percent this week. Eighty-nine percent of spring calves were born. Farm flock lambing and sheering were just over 90 percent complete, ahead of average pace. Range sheep lambing and sheering were near average pace with range lambing about one-third complete and range sheering nearing three-fourths complete.

Calf and lamb losses continued to be normal to lighter than normal. Some scours and other problems were reported due to cold, wet conditions.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	22	36	15	10
Poor	30	20	25	21
Fair	29	27	33	38
Good	15	13	27	30
Excellent	4	4	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, April 29, temperatures were below normal for most of the state. Temperatures ranged from 10.2 degrees below normal in Torrington and Wheatland to 1.9 degrees above normal in Afton. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Laramie at 6 degrees, and the high temperature was 70 at Worland. All areas received some precipitation, mostly in the form of snow, but amounts varied widely across the state. The most precipitation fell in Chugwater with 1.06 inches, Rock Springs with 1.00 inches, and Wheatland with 0.97 inches.

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